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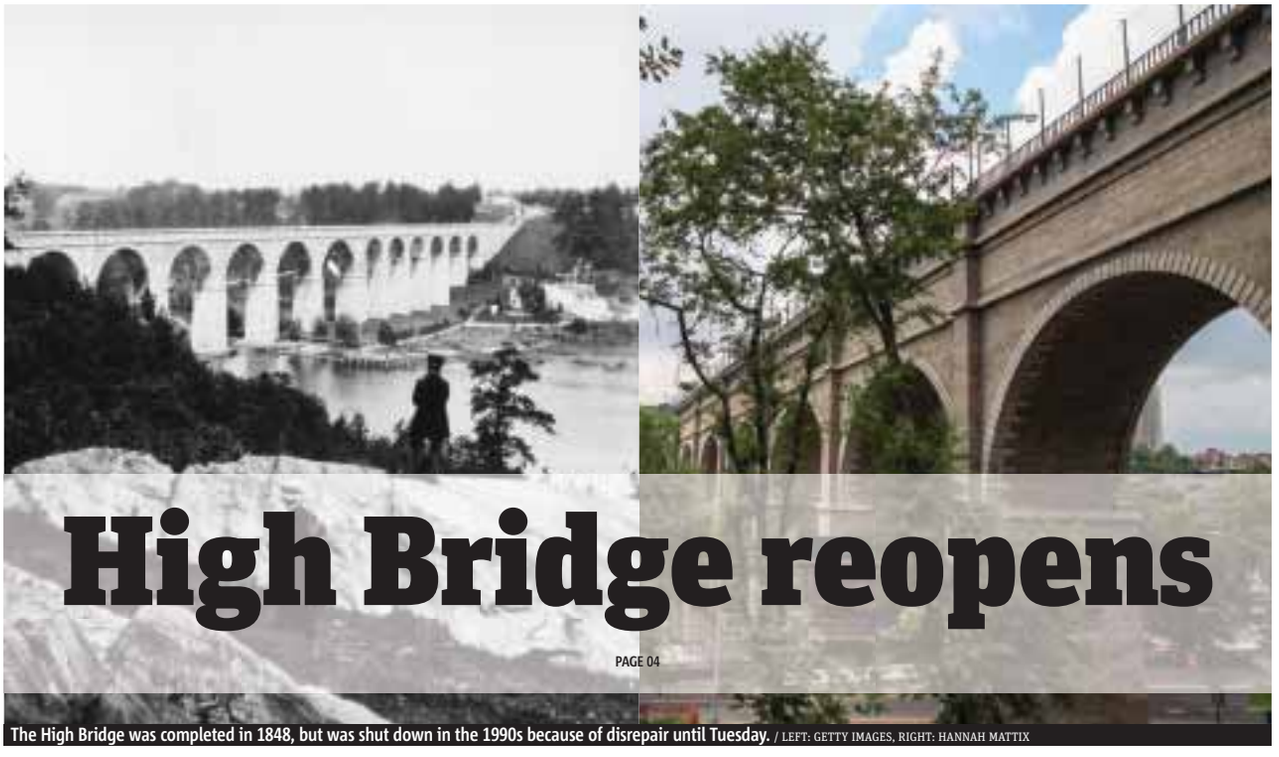
Con Ed blamed for deadly blast

Faulty. An NTSB report into the East Harlem explosion lay the blame squarely at the feet of Con Edison. Investigators said Con Ed improperly installed a connection between two plastic gas pipes, which led to the leak and explosion that killed eight people and leveled two buildings. The city was also found at fault for not repairing a hole in a sewer main for eight years. PAGE 02



High Bridge reopens

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The High Bridge was completed in 1848, but was shut down in the 1990s because of disrepair until Tuesday. / LEFT: GETTY IMAGES, RIGHT: HANNAH MATTIX

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Gramercy

Man charged with rape and burglary

A 20-year-old man was arrested and charged Tuesday after the attempted rape of a woman in Gramercy over the weekend, police said.

Dominique Brown, 20, of East Harlem was charged with rape, burglary and sex abuse after a woman reported the attempted rape in the vestibule of an apartment building in Gramercy about 3 a.m.

Brown allegedly followed the 25-year-old victim into the building. She fought him off, and he then fled, police said.

JOHN A. OSWALD

Amber alert

Missing girl, 4, found

A 4-year-old little girl snatched by her mom from a New York Foundling home in the South Bronx has been found safe, police said.

Mia Olarte was allegedly taken by her 48-year-old mom, Dora Estella Olarte, 48, on Monday about 5 p.m. during a routine visit at the home, at 170 Brown Place in the Bronx.

Cops are now investigating just how the mom was able to walk out with Mia, who has Down Syndrome and requires medication, when she was being supervised by an ACS case officer.

"We have jointly begun to examine the incident to determine what, if any, breakdown occurred in our visitation protocols and what additional steps we can take to prevent this from happening in the future," ACS said in a statement.

Charges were pending against the mom, who was already under investigation for alleged abuse.

JOHN A. OSWALD

Con Edison blamed for East Harlem explosion

Faulty. A Con Edison gas connection caused the explosion that killed eight people, say NTSB investigators.

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) issued Tuesday a final report, finding that Con Edison's faulty connection between two plastic gas pipes was to blame for the East Harlem gas explosion that killed eight, leveled two buildings and injured dozens in 2014.

The NTSB concluded that Con Ed's improper connection, installed in 2011 by an uncertified worker, led to the natural gas leak and explosion in March 2014. The federal regulators also said the New York City Department of Environmental Protection failed to repair a hole in a sewer main in front of one of the buildings for eight years.

Both the city and Con Edison, who have been blaming each other since the explosion, reacted to the report with more finger-pointing.

"The finding that damage to a sewer may have also played a role appears unsupported by the facts," the city said in a statement sent out on Tuesday.

"The facts revealed that damage to the sewer and the road depression above it were localized events which had no causal connection to the failure of Con Ed's gas service connection or the rupture in the city's water main.

"The rupture in the city's water main occurred as a result of the explosion, not due to the damaged sewer."

A faulty gas connection caused the massive explosion. / FILE PHOTO

Con Ed played down its role by saying that NTSB investigators weren't unanimous in their findings.

"To be clear, not all of the participants involved in this investigation reached the same conclusion concerning the sequence of infrastructure failures that led to the explosion," Con Ed said in a statement. "We all agree, however, on the importance of doing everything in our control to prevent a tragedy like this from happening again."

Con Edison recently filed a suit against the city, with details made public on Monday, alleging the city knew about the damaged infrastructure under Park Avenue for years.

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City to pilot LGBT youth drug abuse program

New York City's LGBT Community Center is set to pilot a youth-focused substance abuse program to combat the overwhelming trend of LGBT youth suffering from substance addiction.

LGBT youth are 190 percent more likely to abuse substances, says the center, and their drug use tends to be far more addictive.

"They're not abusing substances casually," said Carrie Davis, the center's chief programs and policy officer, about a recent study. "They were binge-drinking or they were drinking every day, and half of the youth in our survey used marijuana 20 or more times in a month. One in five have used heroin at least once in the last month."

The LGBT Community Center / MILES DIXON

The program, called "SAINT" (Serving Adolescents in Need of Treatment), is the first of its kind in the world, said Davis.

"We have not been able to find any other youth and young adult-focused LGBT substance abuse treatment programs anywhere," Davis said.

Davis said LGBT youths struggling with substance abuse are often placed in programs that view their gender or sexual identity as part of the problem.

"You don't become who you are in isolation, you become who you are in reflection to the people you were around the community you're connected to," Davis laid out.

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Librarians stage 24-hour reading at City Hall gates

At the gates of City Hall on Tuesday, with tourists and rush-hour crowds passing by, author Marilyn Johnson read out loud from Ray Bradbury's "Fahrenheit 451."

She was there supporting the city's librarians, who were midway through a 24-hour continuous reading to draw attention to their $65 million operational funding and $1.4 billion capital funding requests from the city.

"This is the kind of shared community service that enhances all of our lives," said Johnson.

She said she could not have written her books without the support of library staff and the space to work.

The read-in is being held by Urban Librarians Unite, an advocacy group founded in New York with member librarians from across the country. They say the funding would help libraries return to six-day service and fix serious maintenance issues in some branches, including leaking roofs and broken air conditioning units.

"The 24-hour read-in is an amazing metaphor for the work that libraries do in New York City," said Christian Zabriskie, executive director of the organization and a librarian at the Queens Public Library's Laurelton branch.

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High Bridge reconnects Manhattan to the Bronx

Reunited. High Bridge reopened Tuesday after being closed in the 1990s when it fell into disrepair.

Before the marching bands played, before the Bronx and Manhattan borough presidents marched from each side of the High Bridge, Bebe Wallace stood near the center of the city's oldest bridge in happy disbelief.

"I've been waiting for this day for so long," said the 30-plus-year resident of the High Bridge neighborhood of the Bronx after seeing the historic bridge reopen Tuesday.

Wallace recalled scaling the High Bridge's fence and sneaking across the 1,450-foot-long span to Washington Heights as a kid in the 1990s, a maneuver well known to many locals looking to avoid walking up the Washington Bridge to get to the Bronx.

A neighborhood enthusiast, Wallace wore a T-shirt he designed that read "High Bridge" on the front, and listed all the major city bridges on the back.

"The Brooklyn Bridge gets all the props," Wallace said. "I've been wearing this shirt since 2006."

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Undercover cop guilty in biker assault

Biker attack. A detective and a gang member were found guilty of assault.

An undercover cop who was posing as a gang member was found guilty on Tuesday morning of assaulting a driver on the West Side Highway along with other gang members.

The detective, Wojciech Braszczok, was found guilty of second-degree assault, coercion, riot and criminal mischief, The New York Times reported.

Another defendant, Robert Sims, was found guilty of the same charges, in addition to attempted gang assault and criminal possession of a weapon.

In September 2013, the gang of bikers was slowing traffic on the West Side Highway when a Manhattan dad, Alexian Lien, confronted them, only to find his car surrounded at 125th Street.

With his wife and infant daughter in the car, Lien told the court he panicked and accelerated to get away, running over and breaking the spine of one of the bikers. A video shows Braszczok and gang members attacking the car and dragging Lien out before beating him.

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Escape. Killer in prison break was on third escape attempt

A daring escape from a New York state maximum-security penitentiary marked at least the third time convicted murderer Richard Matt had moved to bust out from behind bars.

Police were questioning a woman who worked in the prison tailor shop where the men had menial jobs. She was identified in various media outlets, including ABC News, as Joyce Mitchell. According to her Facebook page, Mitchell is an industrial training supervisor at the prison.

She was hospitalized with "severe chest pains" on Saturday, the day the prison break was discovered, her son Tobey Mitchell told NBC News.

Meanwhile, Matt's only son told the Buffalo News that his father had a history of prison escapes.

Matt fled upstate New York's Erie County Correctional Facility in 1986. He scaled a wall and gate topped with razor wire that slashed his forearms and remained on the loose for five days before he was caught at a family apartment in Tonawanda, near Buffalo, his son told the newspaper. **REUTERS**

Richard Matt / NY STATE POLICE

Prison break

Pair may have been spotted

Two residents said they spotted the fugitives in their backyard at 12:30 a.m. on Saturday, ABC News reported. They were holding what appeared to be a guitar case, which other media reported was kept in one inmate's cell and may have been used to hide tools used in the escape.

"We're just lost. We don't know where we are. We're on the wrong street," the resident told ABC News the men responded when confronted. That encounter occurred about five hours before guards realized the pair was gone.

Authorities

Doctor ran illegal pill mill out of office

An Upper West Side doctor who allegedly traded tens of thousands of illegal painkiller prescriptions for cash was arrested Tuesday, along with his wife, according to CBS news.

Over a span of six and a half years, Dr. Rogelio Lucas, 77, wrote out 23,600 oxycodone prescriptions, with a street value of $77 million, to patients with no medical need for the pills, said Bridget Brennan, the city's special narcotics prosecutor. He is charged along with his wife Lydia, 79. **METRO**

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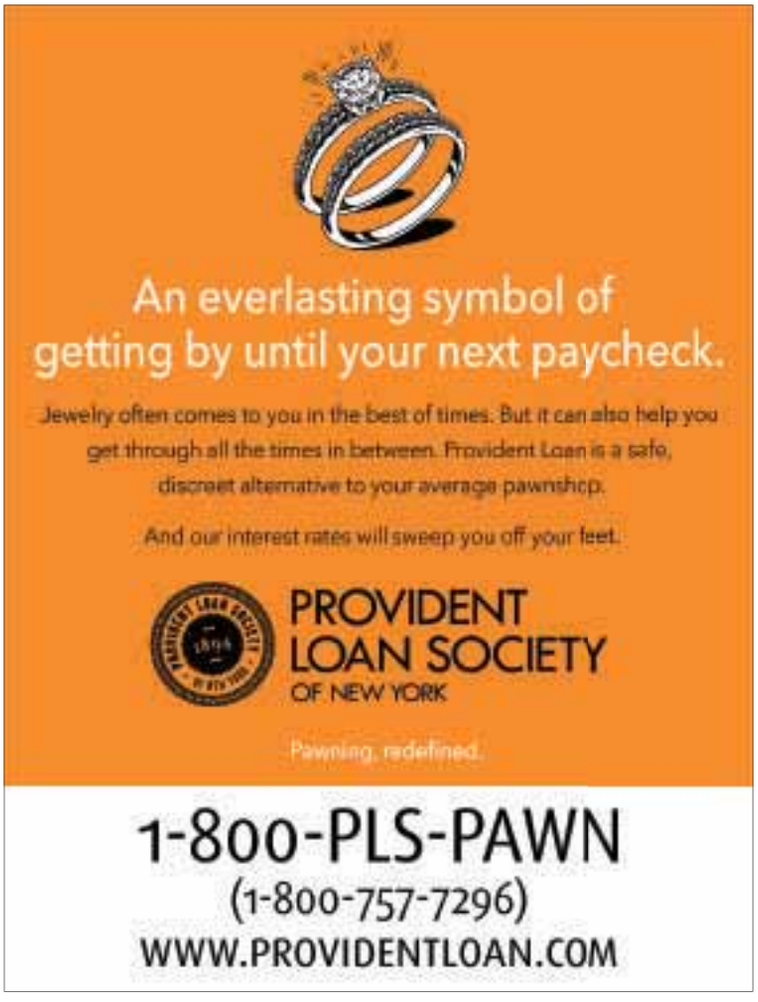
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Five things you

1 Protesters seek firing of Texas officer who threw girl to ground

Hundreds marched through the Dallas-area city of McKinney on Monday calling for the firing of a police officer seen in a video throwing a bikini-clad teenage girl to the ground and pointing his pistol at other youths at a pool party disturbance.

McKinney Police Corporal Eric Casebolt has been placed on administrative leave pending an investigation of how he responded to the disturbance on Friday in the city about 30 miles north of Dallas, an incident that has raised fresh questions about racial bias in U.S. policing.

Casebolt, who is white, is seen shouting obscenities at black youths in a multiracial crowd, shoving a black teenage girl, briefly pointing his gun at African-American youths and throwing the girl in her bathing suit, who is black, to the ground, burying his knees in her back.

"We are demanding that the officer be fired and be charged with assaulting the youth," said Dominique Alexander, the president of the Next Generation Action Network, which helped organize the rally.

About 800 people took part in the peaceful rally, carrying signs demanding an end to police brutality and calling for police accountability. **REUTERS**

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2 Bomb threat led to White House press room evacuation: Secret Service

The U.S. Secret Service cleared the White House briefing room on Tuesday after a bomb threat was called in to local police, prompting an evacuation.

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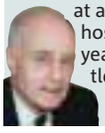
3 Vincent Bugliosi, who prosecuted cult leader Charles Manson, dies

Vincent Bugliosi, who prosecuted cult leader Charles Manson and members of his so-called "family" for seven murders, then turned to writing books that took on everyone from George W. Bush to God, has died at age 80, his son said on Monday.

Bugliosi, whose book "Helter Skelter" about the Manson case became one of the best-selling true crime books of all time, died on Saturday evening at a Los Angeles hospital after a years-long battle with cancer. REUTERS



4 US job openings hit record high

U.S. job openings surged to a record high in April and small-business confidence perked up in May, suggesting the economy was regaining speed after stumbling at the start of the year.

The economy's stronger tone was reinforced by other data on Tuesday showing a solid rise in wholesale inventories in April, in part as oil prices stabilized.

"This is more confirmation that the economy is indeed emerging from that soft patch in the first quarter and can still pick up even faster in the next few months," said Chris Rupkey, chief financial economist at MUFG Union Bank in New York. REUTERS

5 Teen who ran away over SAT pressure returns home

A 16-year-old girl from a Los Angeles suburb who ran away over the weekend because she was overwhelmed with pressure when she went to take her college admission test has returned home.

Mira Hu called her family from a Los Angeles library on Monday night and asked to be picked up, said police in nearby San Marino, where the girl lives with her family.

It appeared Hu was acting on her own volition on Saturday when she ran away from a school where she had been dropped off to take her SAT test. REUTERS

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Former House speaker Hastert pleads not guilty

Charges. Hastert's attorneys entered the plea on his behalf in a brief arraignment hearing.

Former Republican Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert fights his way through the press as he arrives for his arraignment at the Dirksen Federal Courthouse in Chicago. / GETTY IMAGES

Former U.S. House of Representatives Speaker Dennis Hastert pleaded not guilty on Tuesday to federal charges of trying to hide large cash transactions and lying to the FBI about it.

Law enforcement officials have said Hastert was using the money to try to cover up sexual abuse of a male decades ago when the Republican congressman worked as a high school wrestling coach and teacher, according to media reports.

Judge Thomas Durkin set a $4,500 appearance bond for Hastert and ordered him to surrender his passport and remove firearms from his property as conditions of pretrial release.

Hastert, 73, stood hunched over and spoke in barely a whisper when he told Durkin he understood the conditions.

He was wearing a suit and tie and stood between his two lawyers, John Gallo and Thomas Green.

Hastert has not made any public statements about the charges or the allegations that the payments amounted to hush money since he was indicted on May 28. He was mobbed by media as he arrived at the courthouse. REUTERS

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'Blade Runner.' Pistorius to run free after only 10 months in prison

Oscar Pistorius spent seven months on trial last year for the shooting death of model girlfriend Reeva Steenkamp. In the end, he was convicted of culpable homicide and sentenced to five years. Today, we find out he is to run free after less than one.

WTF South Africa?!!

It turns out that under the sentencing laws applied in his case, he was only really expected to serve one-sixth of his sentence. The rest of the time he'll be on probation.

"Oscar will be released on parole by the end of August," a Pistorius family member told Reuters. The BBC says August 21 is his release date.

Oscar Pistorius / GETTY IMAGES

Pistorius is known as the "Blade Runner." His lower limbs were amputated as a baby but he grew up nonetheless to be an amazing runner, taking home medals in the Paralympics and participating in the Olympics.

His trial for the shooting death of his girlfriend drew international coverage. The whole thing was an accident, he insisted in court and under oath.

His story? He thought an intruder was in the house when he fired several bullets through a bathroom door in the Pretoria house they shared, killing her.

Prosecution witnesses said he was a hothead with a short temper who was increasingly verbally abusive to Steenkamp, 29, who died on Valentine's Day in 2013.

It's hardly over for Pistorius, however.

Prosecutors have won a bid to appeal the culpable homicide conviction and will seek a murder conviction at a new hearing in November. JOHN A. OSWALD

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‘Cheer mom’ pleads guilty to sex with teen on soccer team

Guilty. The mother reportedly met the teen at a football game for her daughter’s school.

The Pennsylvania suburban mom who was caught by police mid-tryst in her car with a 17-year-old soccer player pleaded guilty to sex crimes Tuesday.

Iris Gibney, 42, a Victoria’s Secret saleswoman, pleaded guilty to corruption of a minor and dissemination of explicit materials to a minor — for sending sexts to her young paramour.

The move followed Gibney’s not guilty plea to charges at a hearing in February that included trespass by auto.

Gibney was sentenced to five years probation, 100 hours of community service and must participate in counseling. She also cannot communicate with her victim.

According to NBC, Gibney told the Montgomery County court judge, “I made a horrible decision and have been in therapy since it happened.”

Gibney was arrested in November when an Upper Pottsgrove police officer found her and a 17-year-old boy naked inside a car.

As the officer approached the vehicle because it was illegally parked inside Hollenbach Park in Pottstown, Pennsylvania, he saw Gibney performing a sex act, according to court records.

Gibney, who volunteered as a “cheer mom” for her daughter’s cheerleading team at Pottsgrove High School in Pennsylvania, reportedly met the teen during a high school football game, according to the victim.

The victim confessed to police that he and Gibney were having a relationship.

Reports also indicate that the two communicated on Twitter and that Gibney sexted the teen nude pictures of herself.

Gibney / PROVIDED

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The charges

In February, Gibney entered a “not guilty” plea to charges of:

- “corrupting a minor, trespass by auto and distribution of explicit materials to a minor via sexts found on the boy’s confiscated cellphone.”

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Teen tackles bigotry one essay at a time

Scholar. Sumaiya Mahee is on a mission to build understanding in order to combat negative Muslim stereotypes.

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She was in third grade the first time a boy in her class called her a terrorist. People won't sit next to her on the bus when she wears her hijab. Without it, people sit in the open seat without a second thought.

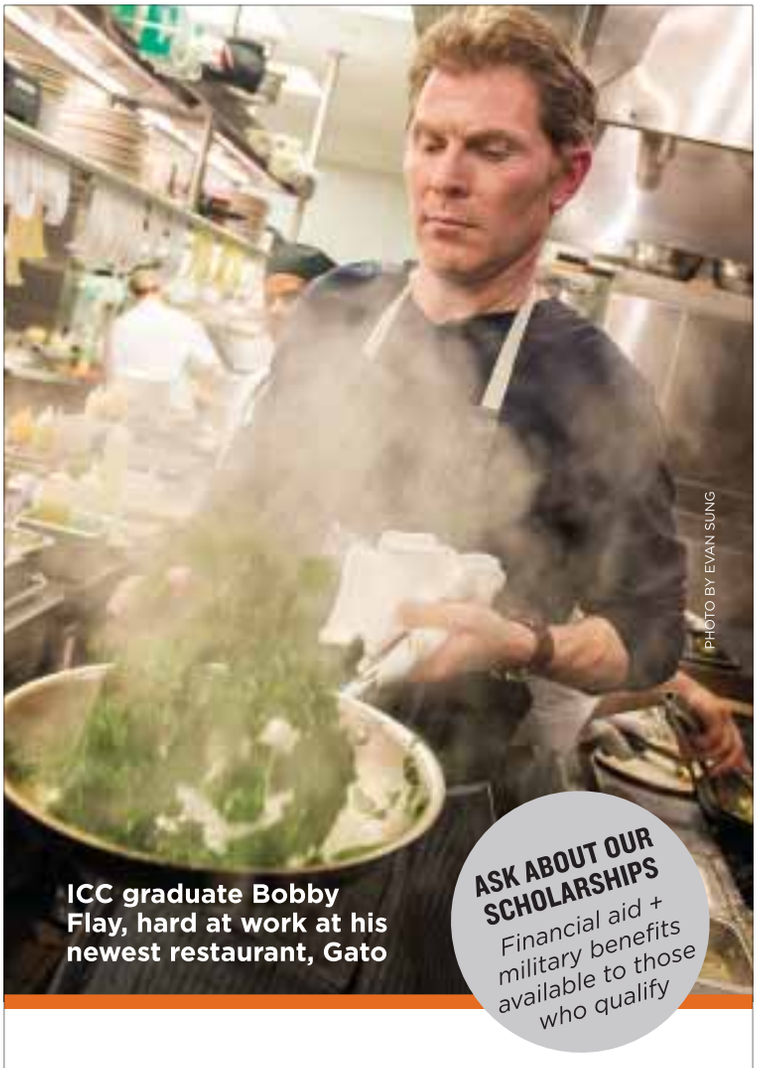
Even living in a city as diverse and progressive as Cambridge, Sumaiya Mahee, 13, faces prejudice on a daily basis because of her faith and heritage.

But her self awareness and cultural knowledge go far beyond her middle school years. She is the author of an essay, "You're Not Who You Say You Are: Beyond the Single Story," an assignment for her combined social studies and English classes at Kennedy-Longfellow School that went viral and was published in Public Radio International's Global Nation Education section.

"I face these stereotypes every day because I am a Muslim girl. It's what I experience," Mahee said. "Writing about this boosted my self-esteem because it gave me a way to tackle the stereotypes that I face. When I started talking about it, I realized I wasn't alone and that other kids go through the same thing."

People are reacting to a growing tension and suspicion toward Muslims on a local, national and international level. In the Boston area, residents have seen numerous terrorism-related trials and two brutal displays of jihadi-fueled violence.

Between the violent saga of Tamerlan and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, Usaama Rahim's fatal standoff with authorities in Roslindale, Tarek Mehanna translating al Qaeda propaganda, Rezwan Ferdaus's plan to fly explosives into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Sumaiya Mahee, right, wrote an essay tackling prejudice / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI, METRO

the Pentagon and U.S. Capitol building and Ahmad Abousamra joining ISIS, local Muslims are under a microscope even in places as forward-thinking as the Bay State.

"It's hard to take in because I am viewed as a terrorist by people," Mahee said. "It's hard to take in because I am not the kind of person who would hurt someone." She writes in her essay, "According to society and everything else going on in the world, I am not who I say I am," an external identity that has been forced upon a child because of extremists.

"My goal is to keep working to correct the stereotypes," Mahee said. "I don't want other Muslim kids to grow up and have to face those and not be able to do anything."

She wrote about reaching a boiling point after facing mistreatment day after day. She, her sister and her best friend were walking home from the masjid around midnight one evening with their hijabs on when two men laughed and said, "Danger! It's the Muslims!" Mahee had had enough and shouted back, "Wait till we come after you! You're not going to survive any longer!"

The interaction with the two men was the dawning of a profound personal realization: Hate cannot be combated with hate.

"I was shocked when I first read this," English teacher Woodly Pierre-Louis said. "Here she is, this tiny little girl and it amazed me that anyone could see her as a threat or a target of ridicule."

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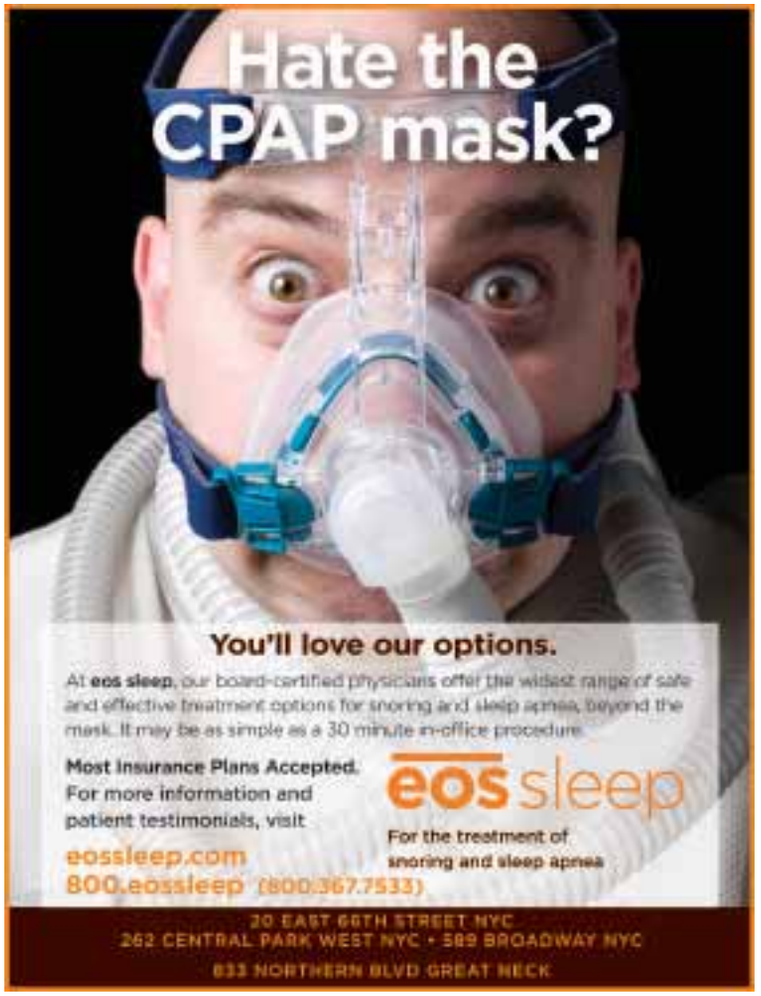
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Today, Kevin Hart has a lot to do, RuPaul wants you to post your best, Kirstie Alley is all about the survival instinct, Lee Pace is back from vacation and Lorde might be allergic to intimacy.

@KevinHart4real: I'm about to whoop my little body's ass this am & then have a very productive day of filming, I'm wishing u all a very productive day as well

@RuPaul: This above all: To thine own selfie be true, but face ye olde window for best lighting

@kirstiealley: Fear driven decisions rarely turn out well...unless there is a lion at your heels...then run like a bitch

@leepace: Dad and I went to China. Met tons of incredible people. Got fat. Saw art. Gaungzhou. Shanghai. Beijing. Loved it.

@lordemusic: I CAN'T FEEL MY FACE WHEN I'M WITH YOU

1 Iggy Azalea drops out of Pittsburgh Pride

Sorry, Pittsburgh Pride attendees, you won't be enjoying the musical stylings of one Iggy Azalea. Actually, if you're Pittsburgh City Council president Bruce Kraus or one of the groups that canceled their Pride appearances in protest of Azalea's inclusion, then you're probably not too broken up over the news. The Aussie rapper finally bowed to pressure that her performing at the event wouldn't be such a hot idea given past remarks she's made on Twitter that came off as homophobic. But don't worry, she's sitting this one out. And she's totally sorry, you guys.

"I am truly disappointed that I have to share this news, but I will no longer be performing at Pittsburgh Pride on June 13. This has been a difficult decision, as I truly support the event and LGBTIQA communities. However, I feel my participation at this point would only serve to further distract from the true purpose of the event," she — or more likely her publicist — wrote on Twitter. "I am a firm believer in equality. Unfortunately in the past as a young person, I used words I should not have. The last thing I want is for something so carelessly said to be interpreted as reflective of my character. I meant no harm and deeply regret ever uttering those words. As an adult I would never use them because I understand they play a detrimental role in the fight for issues that I do truly believe in. I am sorry to anyone I have offended or disappointed." Yeah, she totally didn't write that herself. Also, you know you can delete tweets, right?

Ta-ta, Pittsburgh. / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

2 Miley's so totally open-minded, has a 'fluid' sexuality

Hey guys, guess what! Miley Cyrus has more sex-related stuff she'd like to tell you about. The shy, reserved and demur pop star opens up to Paper magazine about sexual mores and her own "fluid" sexuality. "I am literally open to every single thing that is consenting and doesn't involve an animal and everyone is of age," says Miley, who posed naked with her pet pig for the magazine. "Everything that's legal, I'm down with. Yo, I'm down with any adult — anyone over the age of 18 who is down to love me." That's probably a lot of people, ma'am. You might want to narrow it down a bit more.

3 Mumford may soon have an actual son

Carey Mulligan and her "Mumford and Sons" husband, Marcus Mumford, are reportedly expecting their first child, and the jokes really just write themselves for this one. "They weren't planning on announcing, but she hasn't stopped working," a source tells Us Weekly of Mulligan, who is currently starring alongside Bill Nighy in "Skylight" on Broadway. "Everybody around her is being very supportive. The show ends soon, and they're going back to England after." But if this baby ends up being a girl, will Mumford have to change his band's name?

4 Inside Kanye West's b-ball b-day bash

It soon became clear that Kim wouldn't find anything Kanye wanted in this children's clothing store, so she went with Plan B.

What do you get for the megalomaniacal hip-hop superstar who has everything? If you're Kim Kardashian and said rapper is husband Kanye West, you get him a private night of slam dunk contests at the Staples Center, home of the L.A. Lakers, to celebrate his birthday. "Kim rented out the Staples Center so Kanye and his boys could play an NBA-style game with real refs and Laker girls," a source tells E! News. "John Salley was the announcer. Houston Rockets player James Harden and rapper 2 Chainz were the coaches. John Legend sang the national anthem." The party, which cost a reported $110,000, was attended by Justin Bieber, Tyga and NBA stars Russell Westbrook and John Wall, plus there were video messages from Kobe Bryant, Magic Johnson, Carmelo Anthony and Shaquille O'Neal that played on the jumbotron. But man, wouldn't it have been awkward if it turned out West didn't really like basketball all that much? Also, I would genuinely like to hear more about 2 Chainz's coaching style.

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'The Simpsons' as psychics

With more than 25 years on the air, "The Simpsons" has covered a lot of comedic ground, so it's not so surprising that every once in a while they'll make a joke that turns out to be strangely prophetic. The video "Top 10 Times 'The Simpsons' Predicted the Future" rounds up some of the more impressive instances of animated clairvoyance. Some of them, like the Baby Translator, are a bit of a stretch, and anyone could have predicted the Siegfried and Roy tiger attack. But the FIFA stuff is pretty impressive. Last year, "The Simpsons" predicted both that Germany would win the World Cup and that FIFA would be rocked by a massive corruption scandal. Spook-diddly-ooky.

Drake drops big surprise about his next album

Drake is already a big supporter of Apple's new music streaming service. / GETTY IMAGES

Apps. While everyone is dissing Tidal, Apple Music scores a big win.

Yesterday, Apple held an event to announce its new music streaming service, Apple Music, which will launch June 30. Apple has always charged for music and the launch of Apple Music still aligns with that, charging $9.99 a month or $14.99 for a family plan that can include up to six people.

Part of the streaming service will be a social media platform called Connect, where musicians will give fans an up close look at what they're working on by posting exclusive assets such as backstage photos or lyrics in process for fans to check out.

During the event, Drake took the stage playing up his "started from the bottom" angle, crediting Apple in part for his success. Then he announced that he will be releasing his next album on the streaming service and using Connect, though he declined to give an exact release date.

Drake will also be playing DJ on Apple Radio, another extension of Apple Music. Drake, along with Dr. Dre, Pharrell, will.i.am and others will be curating stations for Apple Music users. As if that wasn't a big enough coup for Apple, the Weeknd came onstage and performed a brand new song, "Can't Feel My Face."

The new streaming service promises to learn users' musical tastes, so it will introduce new music the listener may be interested in, the way most music streaming services already do now. And since many users will be using Apple Music on their iPhone, Apple integrated Siri into the streaming experience in a few key ways — such as playing a song after the user asks her to do so and acting as a trivia champion. She knows which tracks were No. 1 on the charts on specific dates, for example, if users want to test out her knowledge.

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Vital Information All Knee Arthritis Sufferers

By Matt Edgar-Health Writer
Manhattan - In just a moment I'm going to tell you about a very "candid" and somewhat embarrassing moment I had with a doctor.

A moment most doctors would not want you to know about.

As I reveal what happened in that moment - it will become clear to you not only why this doctor has so much success treating knee arthritis pain... but you will also discover a possible way to relieve some or all of your pain, too.

But before I tell you all that - let me ask you this: How would you like to finally have a real medical solution for your knee arthritis pain?

Not some scam sold on an infomercial or the internet. **A real medical treatment that has already worked for countless people just like you and is covered by most insurance and medicare?**

Can you imagine what it would feel like to be able to eliminate enough of your pain and stiffness so you can get out of bed without pain and go for walks and even do things like play golf or tennis?

How relieved would you be if you felt so much better that you no longer needed to go through total knee replacement surgery and all the grueling rehabilitation?

Sounds Too Good To Be True?

I'm glad we agree. It does sound too good to be true. That's because all patients react differently and get different results from ***real medical treatments.***

That's also why no ethical doctor would promise or guarantee ANY results... for ANY treatment. EVER.

In fact - if you do start hearing over-the-top, exaggerated claims like: "cure for knee arthritis" or "eliminates all pain" or "works for everyone" you should run like heck.

But the fact of the matter is: If you qualify for the treatment you are about to discover, there is a good chance you may be able to relieve some or much of your pain.

I know because thousands of knee arthritis sufferers... just like you... have already found the relief you are looking for.

And even better - this might work for you if your pain is new... or if you have advanced knee arthritis that has made it difficult to even walk.

Here's The Treatment And The Embarrassing Moment

The treatment is called viscosupplemtation. If you have not heard of this treatment - I will explain how it might help you in just a moment. If you have heard of it - or even had this treatment without good results - this information is a "must read."

Here is why: When you have arthritis, one of the things that happens is the lubricating fluid in your joints deceases. This causes joint surfaces to rub, then grind against each other which causes swelling and pain eventually eating way at the cartilage.

Researchers have developed a natural lubricating gel that can be placed in the arthritic knee joint - this cushions and coats the joint allowing it to glide more smoothly which often decreases pain. Sometimes dramatically . Treatment with this special lubricating gel is called *Viscosupplementation.*

Advanced Knee Arthritis Treatment Offers New Hope For Pain Sufferers In New York City

Nothing Spreads The Word Like Caring Doctors and Results - Knee arthritis sufferers have swarmed the OsteoRelief Center in Manhattan, NYC and Norhtern New j Jersey ever since word got out of their advanced medical procedure for knee arthritis

This all sounds great - in theory. But there is a BIG problem with this treatment.

Allow Me To Explain...

While doing research on this treatment, I traveled to a medical clinic in Northern N.J. right outside NYC (they now have clinics in mid town and downtown).. This clinic had an excellent reputation and I got to speak not only with doctors but with several patients who ranted and raved about the results.

Many said they had tried countless other treatments in the past... including viscosupplementation... but nothing worked until they had viscosupplemtation at *this* clinic.

I was skeptical, so I asked one of the doctors why. How could it be possible that the same treatment that did not work when done elsewhere... was getting results when done here?

His response was honest and a little shocking. And the bottom line was...

"All Doctors Are Human And Sometimes They Mess Up"

I discovered that this treatment must be VERY PRECISE. In other words, the doctor must be very accurate and actually get the lubricating fluid precisely into the arthritic joint space - or the treatment will be rendered useless.

Many doctors do not want to admit it - but it is very easy to miss the joint space and alter the treatment results.

In fact, research shows that doctors doing these types of joint procedures without advanced imaging may miss the joint space as much as 30% of the time.

Technology To The Rescue

Thankfully technology is solving this problem. How? It's making doctors much more accurate and this treatment much more effective.

Advanced imaging is now available that allows doctors to actually see directly into the joint space and watch the treatment. Doctors can see, or check, if the lubricating fluid goes directly into the joint space - or misses.

The doctor knows if the applied treatment has been a success... or failure... INSTANTLY.

The Difference Between Knee Arthritis Treatment?

Should Know... *That Might Be Keeping You In Pain*

Here's something incredible: I was able to watch many procedures actually being performed and I was shocked at how many times the doctor thought he had perfect placement... ***but the imaging proved him wrong.***

I was amazed how only a ***fraction of an inch*** would make the difference **between** success and failure.

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That's why the doctors at this clinic have taken it one giant step further to give their patients the best. They do not just use one form of confirmation during treatment - they use two in their **"double confirmation"** process. This is to ensure patients get the best possible results.

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What Results Can Be Expected?

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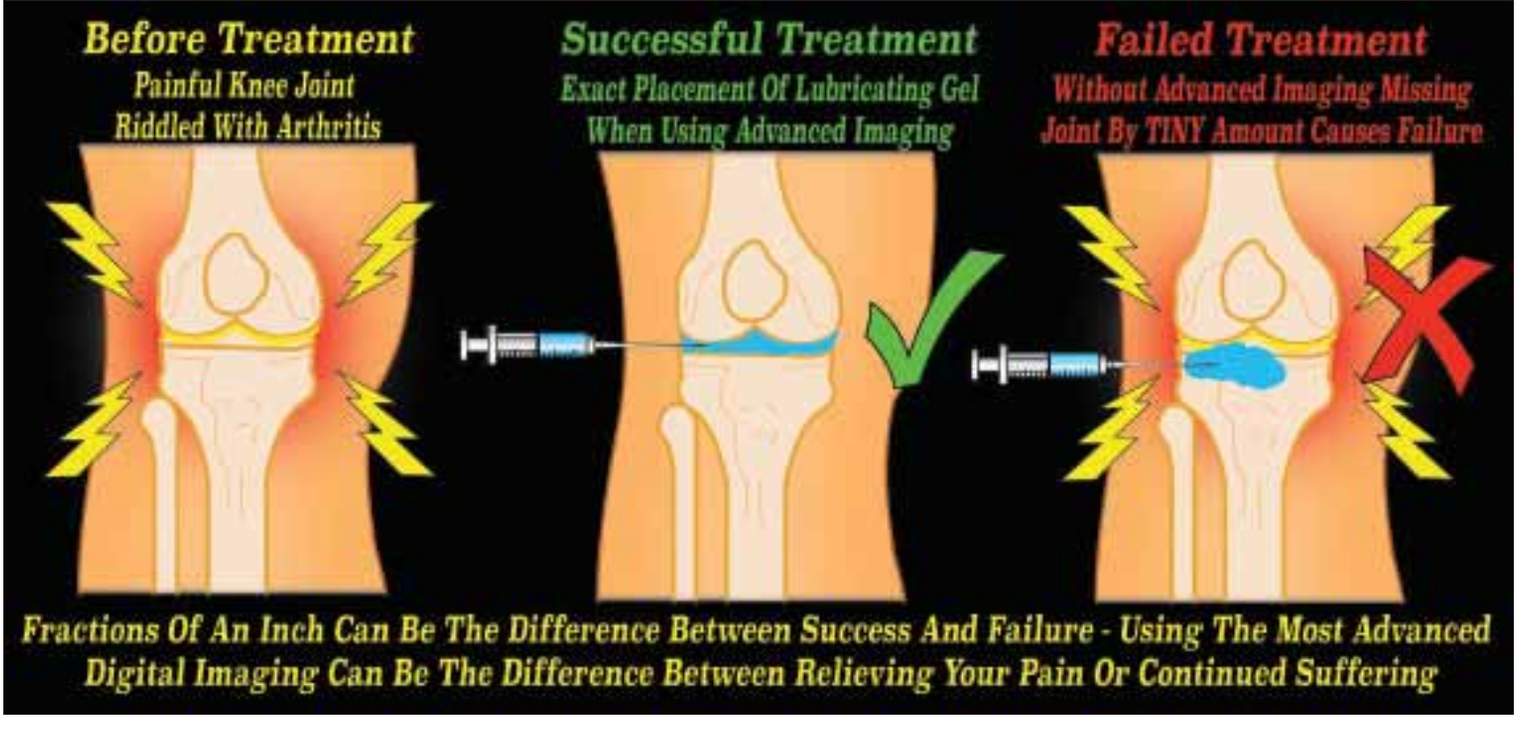
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TV watch list

REALITY

'Masterchef'

The cooks will be making dishes with corn that can be either sweet or savory. Will they be making corn bread? We could really go for some corn bread right about now. **8 P.M., FOX**

The aspect of "Masterchef" we would be skilled enough to compete in is knowing how to turn on the food processor. / GREG GAYNE

AWARDS

CMT Music Awards

Country music fans get their day at this ceremony honoring various titans in the field. It'll be hosted by Erin Andrews and "Pitch Perfect" star Brittany Snow, with performances by Carrie Underwood, Kenny Chesney and more. **8 P.M., CMT**

TALK SHOWS

'The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon'

Whoopi Goldberg and Christian Slater are the guests of the evening, which we hope leads to them sharing a lot of trivia about the '90s movies they starred in. **11:35 P.M., NBC**

MOVIE

'The Heat'

Celebrate the latest Paul Feig/Melissa McCarthy collaboration by watching their previous one, which sees the comedian paired with Sandra Bullock as mismatched cops trying to solve a drug case. **9 P.M., HBO2**

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Paul Feig is ready for 'Spy 2'

Comedy. The 'Bridesmaids' director has another hit with Melissa McCarthy

We could definitely take more of Melissa McCarthy and Miranda Hart's "Spy" characters. / 20TH CENTURY FOX

Paul Feig's made Melissa McCarthy a star with "Bridesmaids," they've got a new hit with "Spy" and they've got a little something called "Ghostbusters" on the horizon. But Feig would love to find some time to make a "Spy" sequel, if that's all right.

When you're approaching a spy comedy, how do you nail the right tone?
For me, it's all about tone. I enjoy watching parody, but I don't want to make parody. I don't want to make spoofs just because there's nothing to latch on to. I just faced plotting this like a spy movie that I would want to see. It's important for me that it's violent and dangerous. If you don't feel that your lead character is in peril, it's hard to engage. I want to make sure that even at its most extreme comedy moments, it makes sense, where you don't go, "Well, that's just dumb."

Feig GETTY IMAGES

Some of your most notable comedy set pieces involve bodily functions. Do you have some sort of traumatic memories that you'd like to talk about?
Actually, my most recurring nightmares have to do with filthy bathrooms, so I think I do have a weird thing about that. But it's funny, when we were doing "Freaks and Geeks" people thought I was so classy, but there's not one episode of "Freaks and Geek" that doesn't have a fart joke in it. I think fart jokes and s-- jokes are some of the funniest things in the world, if you can figure out how to do them right. They're the most human jokes in the world.

How much do you think about franchises? For instance, there was talk of doing a "Bridesmaids 2," but that never went anywhere.
Yeah, Kristen [Wiig] never wanted to do it. But I have no problem with franchises. I kind of thought "The Heat" would've ended up being a franchise. It would've, but Sandy [Bullock] didn't want to do more, and I get that. She's a giant star. But it's what I loved about TV. You get to spend time with the characters and really develop them beyond the two hours that you get in a movie. So I like the idea of franchises, and this one, definitely. I already know what I want the sequel to be, and Melissa is interested. We'll see, my schedule is pretty busy, but I just love the genre and I want to do more of this.

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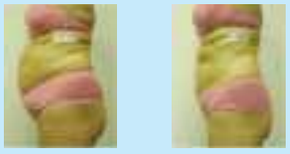

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Christina McDowell on her life 'After Perfect'

"For me, it was about healing," Christina McDowell says on sharing her extremely personal story. / ELISABETH CAREN

Memoir. She exposes the side of "Wolf of Wall Street" we didn't get to see.

Growing up in an affluent Washington, D.C., suburb, Christina McDowell (née Christina Prousalis) had a picture-perfect life. But when she was 18, everything came crashing down when her father, Tom Prousalis, was arrested for fraud in connection with the conviction of Jordan Belfort, who was characterized in "The Wolf of Wall Street." McDowell's father went to prison and her family lost everything. She opens up to us about her decision to tell the story from her point of view in her new memoir, "After Perfect."

Was it a difficult decision to be so open?
I started writing my story many, many years ago as a way to process everything that was happening, but I fictionalized it because it was too painful to write any other way. ... I started collecting letters, emails and everything from that time in my life and it slowly turned into a memoir. For me, it was about healing. It created a pathway to the truth and I learned more about myself than I think I ever intended to.

Learning of your father's crime must have been really confusing for you because you grew up idolizing him quite a bit.
Oh, of course. I think every child can relate to this idea of putting your parents up on a pedestal. I had a really hard time when it happened. It happened when I was 18. At that age, legally you're an adult, but you're not really prepared for the real world.

You're really active with InsideOut Writers, a nonprofit for incarcerated youth. Do you think your past influenced your decision to work with them?
Absolutely. I relate to them because of my own feeling of abandonment, struggle to survive and being touched by the criminal justice system.

Writing is what healed you, so now you're helping them heal in the same way.
Exactly. Writing is so healing and we use it as a way to transform ourselves. We have the best time.

What is your viewpoint on money and wealth now?
I don't think there's anything wrong with having money or seeking to live a big life, but I do believe in ethical and moral boundaries with money. When you cross an ethical and moral line, that's where greed comes in and I certainly don't believe in living a greedy life.

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Real weddings: A $7,500 brunch party

Get creative when it comes to the cake. / ALL PHOTOS EMILY SACRA PHOTOGRAPHY

When I got engaged in the spring of 2008, I found myself frustrated with the lack of online resources for brides who didn't have a Kardashian-sized wedding budget. I decided to journal my adventures in frugal wedding planning by starting a blog, TheBudgetSavvyBride.com, where I shared tips, tricks and ideas I found along the way to pull off a beautiful wedding for less. Over the last seven years, I've featured hundreds of other weddings on budgets that are less than half the national average of $31,213.

There are countless ways you can reduce the overall cost of your wedding day. Kevin and Rebekah tied the knot in Rixeyville, Va., in April and hosted a truly beautiful event for their 83 guests on a budget of only $7,500. Many of these ideas also infused different aspects of their interests and tastes into the wedding, which made the occasion feel even more personal.

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Jessica Bishop is a budget wedding expert and founder of TheBudgetSavvyBride.com, where she shares tips, ideas and advice to help couples save money on their weddings. Jessica lives in NYC.

A wedding doesn't have to break the bank.

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Consider the time of your event

The couple chose to include their love of breakfast foods by opting to marry in the morning so they could host a brunch reception. Not only were they able to offer a generous spread of foods for a lower cost, but they also saved money by booking a venue at an off-peak time of day.

Use fresh flowers sparingly

The bride chose to reduce her floral spend by nixing the bridal party bouquets. The bridesmaids carried tiny glass ornaments that were filled with gold glitter for a magical effect. The only fresh flowers were simple roses and greenery for the centerpieces.

Skip the fancy wedding cake

The couple chose to carry out their brunch theme by offering a tiered arrangement of colorfully iced donuts. It was an absolutely darling detail, and cost them a tiny fraction of the price of a traditional wedding cake.

Buy your dress off the rack

Rebekah found her dress at a bridal clearance sale for only $75, but it wasn't exactly what she was looking for. With the help of a family friend who happened to be a seamstress, she was able to make alterations and additions to transform it into the gown of her dreams. She even splurged on having it dyed a subtle shade of pink, bringing her total dress spend to a budget-savvy $200.

When it comes to your big day, don't be afraid to get creative or include your interests and personalities into your event. You just might find yourself saving money in the process!

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What to do with the kids this summer

Family Day at Jeppe Hein has art installations kids can actually experience, like this wall of water. / NICKI SEBASTIAN PHOTOGRAPHY.

School's almost out. From toys to touchable art, with these summer activities, you'll never hear the words "I'm bored" again.

It's one thing to keep the kids busy for a weekend, but keeping them entertained for the entire summer? That's a totally different ball-game. But don't panic. We've rounded up the best outdoor toys and local family events of the summer.

Local events

Family Day at Jeppe Hein: Please Touch the Art

Brooklyn Bridge Park, July 26, 1 p.m., Free
With walls of water that rise and fall, benches kids can climb and mirrors that challenge perception, this is one art installation you can actually take the kids to. The installation opened in May, but on Family Day children and families will not only be able to explore the pieces, but also create their own works of art with teaching artists from the Children's Museum of the Arts.

Bastille Day on 60th St.

Between 5th and Lexington, July 12, 12-5 p.m., Free
This massive street fair has crepes and macaroons, a Citroen car show, can-can dancers and more, making it an event you won't want to miss. They even have special activities just for the kids, such as arts and crafts, face painting, games, story times, French family films and children's French cooking workshops (RSVP for workshops required).

Hip-Tot Family Day at Lakeside

Prospect Park, Second Sundays June 14-Sept. 11, 2 p.m., Free
This year, Family Day kicks off on June 14 with the reggae sounds of Grammy-winning children's artist Father Goose. While at Lakeside, children can also skate around the outdoor roller rink, explore the park and play in the water jets at Lakeside Splash Pad.

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When the pavement heats up, there's no better solution than a water gun fight. The Rebelle Super Soaker is a vibrantly colored, unique crossbow alternative to the typical water gun that can shoot a triple stream of water as far as 35 feet. **$19.99, HasbroToyShop.com**

Fake a beach home

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home

Love where you live

These five nautical home décor projects will help you ditch the city for the sea.

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Summer is (almost) here and the livin' is easy. People everywhere are in a sun-tanned, sandy-toed state of mind, as seen in the ocean blue nails, wavy beach hair and home decór currently trending. What better way to feel like you're on the coast than to spruce up your living space with oceanic accents and navy-inspired furniture?

Swedish interior designer Anna Ornberg shares her beachside know-how in her new book, "The Nautical Home: Coastline-Inspired Ideas to Decorate with Seaside Spirit." Even the smallest apartments can invoke a maritime aesthetic with Ornberg's do-it-yourself projects and crafts. Here are five ideas from the book simple enough to transform any room into one that could be on Cape Cod — salty sea air not included.

Lights will guide you home

If you're having an outdoor party, who needs plastic tea light holders when you can use seashells? Ornberg uses large shells to hold candles and act as beachy lanterns. Really want to get into the theme? Place the shell lanterns in a dish covered in sand. Wedging the "lanterns" deep in the sand will keep them upright until the candles burn out.

Beach waves

Don't spend another dime on expensive curtains from the department store. "You can make awesome curtains for mere pennies from cheap burlap," says Ornberg in the book. She takes a burlap weave, soaks it in a tub of water and leaves it in a pile to dry for that wrinkled effect. To complete the look, use Hawser rope as a tieback.

Explore the seven seas

Don't throw out that old scratched-up dresser just yet. Ornberg likes to dress up vintage pieces in sea charts. In the book, she says to first clean the wooden item and then sand with sandpaper.

Next, paint the piece with primer. For parts not covered in charts, add two coats of interior paint. Then cut the appropriate-sized pieces of chart, apply wallpaper paste and stick firmly, and then smooth out any air pockets. Keep the surface protected with clear, nonyellowing, water-based varnish.

Out to sea

A rope-lined mirror can resemble a porthole on a pirate ship. To get this fun look, sand the mirror's frame with sandpaper and wipe it down with rubbing alcohol. Using Hawser rope, bind the edges of the rope with twine and use a glue gun to attach it to the mirror's frame. Nail in some brads to secure the rope. Attach hemp rope on either side to finish it off.

Showcase your shells

Keep all of your beach treasures in one place, specifically where everyone can see them. "Collect your treasures in large glass jars or under glass domes, and leave them around as eye candy," Ornberg writes.

Market watch

Cheapest

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The least expensive property to come onto the market this week is a studio in Yorkville, marketed by Cooper & Cooper. The courtyard-facing unit features an open kitchen, hardwood floors, and a newly renovated bathroom. The building has an elevator, laundry in the basement and pied a terre is allowed.

Priciest

$70M

795 Fifth Ave. #30/31

The most expensive property to come onto the market this week is a 14-room duplex located at the historic Pierre Hotel in Lenox Hill, marketed by Brown Harris Stevens. The unit features 360-degree views of Central Park and the Manhattan skyline, two master bedroom suites and a library. The building offers a concierge, housekeeping services and a gym.

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Prospect-Lefferts Gardens

Don't you want to live next to Prospect Park? GETTY IMAGES

A well-kept Brooklyn secret is out as new projects and residents flow into the area.

Tucked away on the east side of Prospect Park, a short walk away from the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, Prospect-Lefferts Gardens has long been one of Brooklyn's best-kept secrets.

The largely residential enclave bordered by Empire Boulevard to the north, Clarkson Avenue to the south, New York Avenue to the east and the park to the west, encompasses an historic district of 800 homes, including single-family Tudors, limestone townhouses and shingled Victorians.

Once a bastion for the wealthy, the area grew more diverse as Hispanics, Asians and a prominent Caribbean community moved in starting in the 1950s. Today, its reasonable prices, tree-lined streets and easy commute to Manhattan draw young professionals and families looking for an alternative to pricier Park Slope and Prospect Heights.

In response, developers are flooding the market with rental and condo units. With more generous limits on building heights and relatively inexpensive land costs, development has exploded over the past two years — 1,000 units of housing have hit the market since 2013.

Prior to that year, new housing was virtually nonexistent. The last significant construction was a two-tower apartment complex that rose in the 1960s.

The residential boom has spurred a crop of new retail, restaurants and bars to open along the commercial stretch of Flatbush Avenue, giving this quiet neighborhood new life.

Top Developments

One of the largest developments, at 626 Flatbush Ave., will bring 254 units to the area, with 20 percent marked for discounted rents to low-income families. Rents will depend upon income, but a two-bedroom will go for approximately $850.

A broker's take on residential

"Lefferts Gardens is a mix of housing stock of the early 1900s, with many residents who have lived here most of their lives," said Bill Sheppard, a Brown Harris Stevens broker who has lived in the area for 24 years. "But an influx of new developments and younger people are transforming this neighborhood into a classic New York melting pot."

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$1,500
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$160,000
Average price for a studio co-op; $299,000 for a one-bedroom co-op.

$614
Average price per square foot for homes, a 41 percent increase from last year, yet still less than the $1,000 per square foot cost in nearby Prospect Heights.

626 Flatbush **PROVIDED**

Hudson Companies is developing the 23-story luxury rental, which is being designed by Marvel Architects. The project includes 4,000 square feet of retail space. Completion is expected in 2016.

Anderson Associates is developing the Lincoln Park Apartments. The two connecting multifamily buildings will stand nine stories high, allowing for park views and will include 133 rental units, 20,000 square feet of retail space, a rooftop deck and underground parking. Twenty percent will be affordable, 80 percent market rate. Completion is expected this year.

The former Caledonian Hospital at 123 Parkside Ave. is being converted into 120 rental units by the Chetrit Group. The Karl Fischer-designed building will include a gym, media room, children's playroom and a planted lawn on the roof. Studios will fetch $2,000 per month, one-bedrooms, $3,500.

Residential Development Group is constructing four new three-story, three-family townhouses at 274 to 280 Hawthorne St. Asking prices will range from $1.4 million to $1.6 million. The cheapest, Number 278, is already sold. Sales are being handled by Corcoran.

When completed next year, 520 Parkside Ave. will include 50 units in two towers rising seven stories each. Aspen Equities is the developer and Joseph Spector the architect. Amenities include a landscaped courtyard with individual garden plots and a roof deck.

Kerry Murtha

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Horoscope

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20
Don't compromise your good name. Trying to impress others by embellishing won't work. Deals will solidify if you are up front.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22
Your community will benefit from your talents. Important friendships will result from your involvement in local affairs.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22
Excessive debt will leave you in a vulnerable position. Stick to your budget and limit major expenditures until your financial situation has stabilized.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Dwelling on past regrets will lead to a loss of confidence. Focus on positive goals. A change in attitude will improve your image.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22
Don't feel guilty if you pamper yourself. Everyday pressures can take a toll on your health, and making a point to do the things you find most relaxing will help.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21
Set aside some quiet time and give your mind the freedom to wander. A calming atmosphere will spark your imagination.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21
Difficulties getting along with others will quash any hope of group activities. Devote your time to a lone project.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20
The pursuit of career goals will limit the time you spend with loved ones. Leave room in your schedule to bond.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18
A changing economy will keep you on your toes with regard to investments. Time you spend researching and developing your financial plans will be well spent.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20
Waiting for someone else to lead the way will slow down your progress. Step up to the plate and make things happen.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20
Don't limit yourself to the same old routine. Investigate the neighborhood in order to discover something out of the ordinary.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21
You can expand your job prospects by becoming more involved in community affairs. New friendships will result in more exposure.

EUGENIA LAST

Letters to the editor

Writer doesn't know anything

Re: 'Is your festival outfit racist?' (Metro.us) Never in the history of reading articles on fashion in New York City (born and raised in Queens, the most diverse area on the planet by consensus) HAVE I BEEN SO APPALLED. It makes me question the integrity of what you're pushing to the population of 18 million people going to work every day. First of all, how does a girl from Pittsburgh become a fashion expert with a full-page spread on FASHION and FESTIVAL? Last time I checked Pittsburgh wasn't London, Milan, Paris or New York. You can argue that she attended fashion school and majored in art history, but that would be an insult to my friends over at the Fashion Institute of Technology. Laneri says, "Cultural thievery can be harmful." Since when is it harmful for superstars and designers to wear a bindi or kimono on stage? If anything, they are representing a union and understanding of culture as opposed to the bias Laneri has projected in this article. African culture is being [appropriated] by Iggy Azalea and such — did she ask the African community if it was okay for her to wear a African kente cloth? And if she sought approval, where does it start? Lol! Where do you get off projecting underhanded supremacy? [Which is] what I'd call an article that seeks to underhandedly segregate as opposed to integrate. I'm absolutely disgusted by this read.

SADIA N. MOHAMMED

Sudoku: Easy and hard

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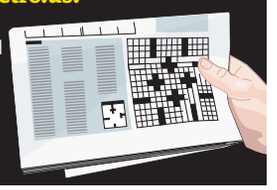

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19 Storm
20 Prior to
21 Escalator (2 wds.)
24 Loose blouses
26 Term papers
27 Sweater front
28 Bell sounds
30 Neatens a beard
33 Backless slippers
34 Crater edge
37 Attila's horde
38 Marched in a line
39 Band instrument
40 From Jan. 1 till now
41 Tolkien hobbit
42 Sweet liqueur
43 Zwiebacks
44 Way of Lao-tzu
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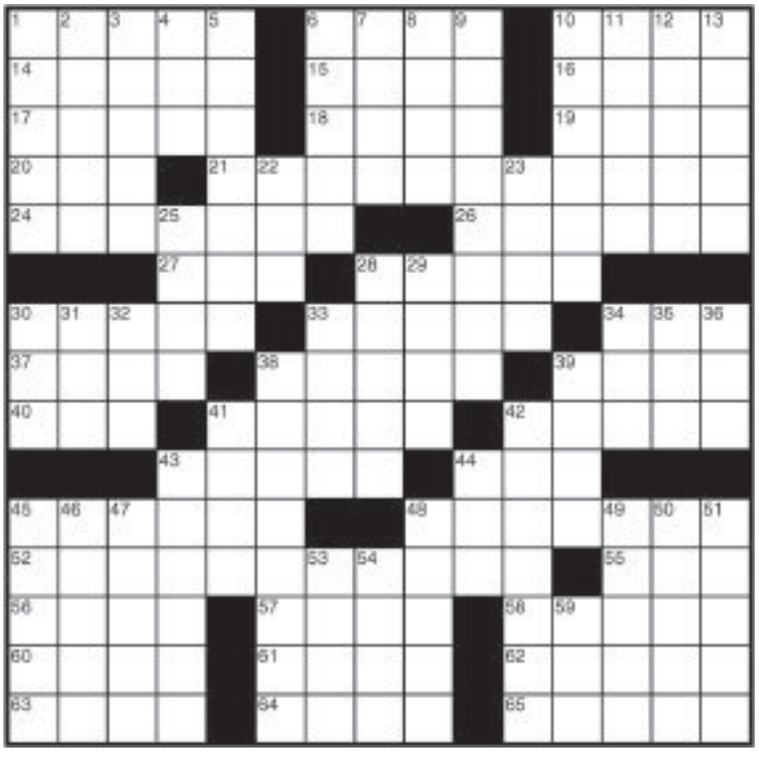

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Yanks should strike while gettin's good

MLB. The Yankees sit in first place in the AL East but there's plenty of room for improvement.

The MLB trade deadline isn't until July 31, but there should be plenty of action before then. The Yankees find themselves in contention as we continue through June, and as we all know, the Yankees don't usually sit on their hands if they have a legitimate shot at a World Series title. So what players could the Yankees potentially bring in to fortify their roster? Here are a few:

1 Cole Hamels, Phillies The 31-year-old, left-handed starter hasn't had a winning season since 2012, but that is no fault of his, as the Phillies haven't had a winning season since 2011. Philadelphia's dynasty crumbled a long time ago and general manager Ruben Amaro has refused to see the writing on the wall until only recently, as he dealt shortstop Jimmy Rollins to the Dodgers before the 2015 season began. The names Chase Utley, Ryan Howard and Cole Hamels have been popping up in the rumor mill nonstop but Hamels is the only one still in his prime. The seven-year/$159 million contract he is under goes through 2018 (with a team option for 2019). Hamels is currently 5-5 and his ERA (3.19) and WHIP (1.145) are right in line with his career averages.

COLE HAMELS IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST FISH ON THE TRADE MARKET. GETTY IMAGES

Hardball hub

The first-place Mets and first-place Yankees are both at home this week and both have intriguing matchups.

- The Mets continue their series with the defending World Champion Giants Wednesday night with Matt Harvey going up against Tim Hudson.
- The Yankees have a day game against the Nationals Wednesday (1 p.m., YES). Gio Gonzalez gets the ball for the Nats while the Yanks will counter with Nathan Eovaldi.

2 Ben Zobrist, A's Zobrist will probably be the most talked about commodity on the trade market as the utility infielder (and occasional corner outfielder) is in the last year of his contract with the struggling Athletics. Zobrist has been linked to several teams including the Nationals, Cubs, Mets and Yankees. Oakland A's general manager Billy Beane is never shy about trading his starters for prospects, and it is believed that he is seeking a top prospect in exchange for Zobrist. But the Yankees have expressed an unwillingness to part with their prospects of late, so a deal may not reached, even though New York desperately needs better production at second base. Stephen Drew has been dreadful in 2015.

3 Tyler Clippard, A's After David Carpenter was designated for assignment, the Yankees' bullpen was left with just two right-handed options; Dellin Betances (who has been brilliant) and Esmil Rogers (who has been atrocious). Clippard is just one of many right-handed relief options the Yankees could explore if they choose not to promote from within the organization. Of course, Clippard is also an Athletic, so the Yankees would probably have to part with a decent prospect if they want to add him. Clippard came up with the Yankees but got knocked around in 2007 and was traded to the Nationals. He had many solid years before signing a one-year deal with Oakland. Clippard has been shaky this year, going 0-3 with a 3.33 ERA, but he's converted nine of 11 save opportunities.

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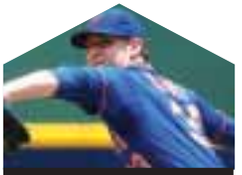

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The Yankees would be wise to target Oakland second baseman Ben Zobrist. / GETTY IMAGES

3 SPORTS

MLB

Sandman Jr.

The Washington Nationals drafted the son of famed former Yankees closer Mariano Rivera on Tuesday. Mariano Rivera III, a right-hander from Iona College, was tabbed in the fourth round of the MLB draft by the Nats. Unlike his dad, the younger Rivera is a starter, not a closer.

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NFL

Milliner asked all the tough questions

It took his own teammate and a fellow cornerback to ask the most brazen of questions when New York Jets cornerback Dee Milliner addressed the media on Tuesday. It was Antonio Cromartie, who put his teammate on the spot about offseason rumors that he might soon be done in New York.

Milliner, already labeled a bust here in New York after two injury-riddled seasons with the Jets, spoke to the media on Tuesday at the start of minicamp, his first public comments since the end of last year. He's had two rough seasons in New York, including multiple benchings during his rookie season, and then last year, where he had season-ending Achilles injury in mid-October.

Between the end of last year and now, the Jets signed three starting cornerbacks, two of whom have Pro Bowl résumés in Darrelle Revis and Antonio Cromartie. They are moves that will likely make Milliner a backup on the depth chart.

Dee Milliner was grilled by teammate Antonio Cromartie Tuesday. / GETTY IMAGES

So on Tuesday, Cromartie, who was in a jovial mood when he grabbed the microphone of the SNY television camera, joined the scrum around Milliner, hit his teammate with two questions.

The first one was rather innocuous, with Cromartie asking: "Question here: How do you feel?"

"I feel great. I've been doing my rehab like I was supposed to. I've been moving around, being able to cut, do some movements," Milliner responded with a grin to Cromartie. "So I feel great."

The grin slid away when Cromartie followed up.

"Do you feel confident going into the season? There's a lot of talk saying you're on the roster bubble, [that] you're here to make the team. Do you feel and have the confidence in your ability that you can do the things you're supposed to do?"

Boom. With teammates like this, who actually needs an opponent come the regular season? Milliner, to his credit, answered the ticking time bomb well.

"Oh, most definitely. When I come out there I do what I'm supposed to do. Do my work, get better each day," Milliner said. "Compete like I'm supposed to, like nothing ever happened. Just be out there."

Cromartie then turned to the reporters and smiled and walked away, handing over the SNY microphone and leaving the scrum. After Cromartie walked away, Milliner was asked by a reporter if he wanted his teammate's job.

"Which one?" Milliner said. "Announcer or corner?"

Jets notes: As expected, defensive end Muhammad Wilkerson was at minicamp Tuesday despite his ongoing contract dispute. **KRISTIAN DYER**

NHL. Lightning shock many so far in Finals

We are only three games into what has been a fantastic 2015 Stanley Cup Final between the Lightning and Blackhawks, but it is already amusing to think back on how many people thought that Tampa Bay had basically no shot to beat Chicago in this series. The Blackhawks won Game 1 in Tampa Bay's Amalie Arena, 2-1, but the Lightning took Game 2, 4-3, and then rallied for a 3-2 win at the United Center in Game 3 on Monday to grab a 2-1 series lead.

Attention now turns to Game 4 on Wednesday (8 p.m., NBCSN). If the Blackhawks go down 3-1 in the series, they are the last team that you would ever count out, but beating the Lightning three times in a row at this point is something they do not want to contemplate. Believe it or not, Patrick Kane has been held scoreless so far in this series while Jonathan Toews only has one assist. It is hard to imagine that they will be kept off the scoresheet much longer. **RICH SLATE**

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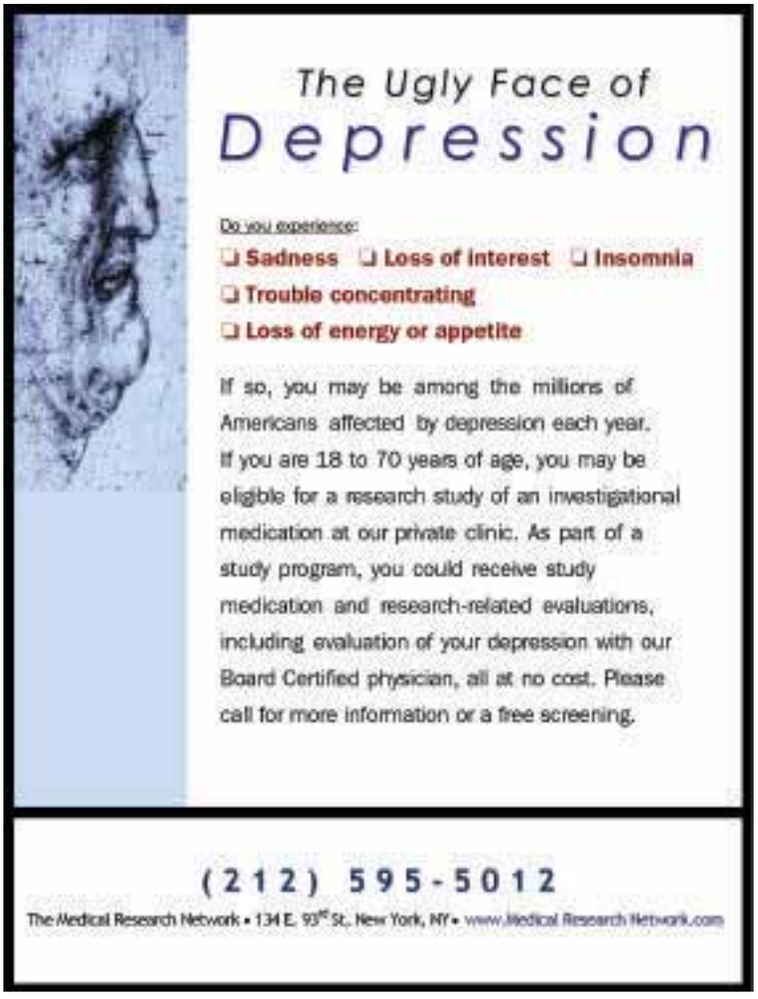
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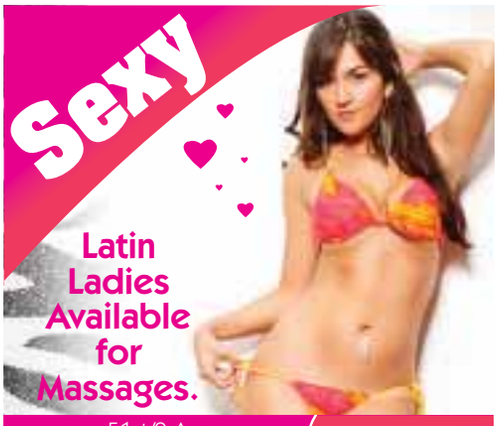

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